In the case of a few others, they may have to be given up because there will be no proportion between the expenditure involved and the benefits to be obtained from them. On these and similar grounds, the Government will be precluded from immediately sanctioning them or taking action on them. The Members should not therefore consider that the Government have not bestowed attention on those matters. The Government orders on questions brought up before the Assembly are published in the Gazette only in important matters. In other matters also, the Government consider the representations carefully and pass orders. What I would wish to impress upon you is that every one of the representations brought up here *does* receive careful consideration at the hands of Government.

67. Provision of a public tank for bathing purposes in the town of Colachel.

Mr. T. Raman Pillai (Member, T. I. C., Colachel) said that Vellayakulam, situated in the north-eastern corner of the town, served only a limited portion of the people of the town. In the other parts, there was no public tank and the people suffered greatly for want of a tank for communal purposes. There was a small tank in front of the local higher grade elementary school. It now measured about 30 cents in extent. It could be easily filled with Kodayar water and, if outlets were provided for draining away the unclean water, the tank would serve the people of the town. In reply to the Dewan's query, he said that the local Town Improvement Committee was not in a position to spend the small fund at its disposal in improving the tank. He therefore requested the Government to take up the improvement of the tank at an early date. The cost would not exceed Rs. 1,000.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

68. Construction of a bridge at the Kuravara Mandapam kadavu in the Ottasekharamangalam pakuthi.

R. Narayana Pillai (Member, Neyyattinkara taluk) said that the road from Kattakadai to Ottasekharamangalam and other places crossed the Neyyar at the Kuravaramandapathu kadavu. Passengers, especially school boys, were put to difficulties for want of a bridge at the place. Petitions were sent to the Chief Engineer and the Government showing the necessity for a bridge there. He requested that a bridge might be ordered to be constructed at the place.

Dewan's reply.—A ferry-boat has been ordered to be provided at the landing. There is no necessity for a costly bridge there, as the road at the place is not cartable.

69. Repair of the four irrigation sluices in the Mamanapalli river.

Mr. V. Kunjukrishna Pillai (Member, T. I. C., Attungal) said that there were four anicuts over the Mamanpalli river, *viz.*, (1) Puthramoola, (2) Karamoola, (3) Chenganathu, and (4) Sarkara. The first anicut, *viz.*, Puthramoola, was in a dangerous condition. It was once repaired in 1085 but it again went into disrepair. If the necessary repairs were not effected immediately, the whole thing would soon give way. The other three sluices were leaking and required only small repairs. He requested that the village Puramoola be taken in hand at once and repaired.

Reply.—An estimate for Rs. 3,000 has been sanctioned for the restoration of what is called the old anicut near the Mamom river. The Chief Engineer will be asked to look into the matter.

70. Opening of some roads in the town of Quilon.

Mr. Koyakutti Mahomed Kunju (Member, Trading Classes, Quilon) said that the opening of the following three roads was necessary in the interests of the merchants of Quilon :—

(1) A road from the southern side of Messrs. Harrison and Crossfields Company's buildings towards the east as far as the Assistant Excise Commissioner's office, for a distance of about three furlongs. There was an old road at the place now no longer in existence. The road, if restored, would enable the merchants to cart away the goods from where they were unloaded from steamers.

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(2) A road along the eastern bank of the main canal from the Kochupilammudu kadavu to the Iron bridge.

(3) A road along the western bank of the main canal from the Stone bridge to the Iron bridge.

The last two roads would connect all the landing ghats on the main canal and enable the merchants to land their goods at any of the ghats. The difficulty now experienced for want of sufficient accommodation for landing goods at the main ghats would be lessened thereby, and the merchants would find it easy to cart away to the bazaar the goods landed at any of the ghats.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

71. Certain needs of the Kunnattur taluk.

Mr. R. Parasurama Aiyar, B. A. (Member, Kunnattur taluk) said that his first request was for the construction of a cartable village road from Pattakadavu to Kadapuzhakadavu. The length of the road would be about two miles. There was already an old village road from Pattakadavu towards Kadapuzha for a distance of ¾ of a mile and from where it ended, across the paddy fields, there was a belt of poramboke land now used as a pathway to Kadapuzha. The people were willing to hand over to Government any additional lands that might be required for the road free of compensation. The proposed road would connect the Kundara–Kadapuzha road with the Chavara–Sasthancottah road. The road, if constructed, would be very useful to the people of the locality and would open up the vast extent of paddy fields traversed by the road and render cultivation therein less difficult. The funds allotted for maintenance of village roads in the taluk might be diverted for the purpose.

He next urged the desirability of acquiring sites for the Adur Munsif Court, the Hospital and the English school, in view to the rise in the price of lands. Some poramboke lands were now available at the place. The buildings might be constructed in due course when funds permitted.

Dewan.—An estimate for the Munsiff's Court buildings is under preparation.

The Member then requested that a graduate in medicine might be posted to the Adur dispensary. The people had now to go to Kottarakara, Kozhenchery or Mavelikara, all more than 12 miles off, for a medical certificate or for a post mortem examination.

Lastly, the Member said that the Kodumon Reserve was situated in the midst of a populated area. It was proposed for reservation in 1080. The claims of the owners of private holdings within the block were ever since held in suspense. The Forest Settlement Officer's decisions were not, he understood, favourable to the ryots. He requested that the matter might receive the attention of the Government. He then presented a memorial signed by the ryots of the taluk praying that the Kodumon Reserve might be completely given up or that those portions of it which caused great hardship to the ryots might be excluded from the reserve.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

72. Improvement of certain roads and canals in the Kartigapalli taluk.

Mr. E. N. Kesava Pillai, B. A. (Member, Kartikapalli taluk) said that he proposed to press on the attention of the Government the necessity for improving certain of the roads and canals which were prayed for at the last session of the Assembly. The most important of them were :—

(1) the metalling of the Mavelikara–Thirkunnapuzha road for a distance of 2½ miles from Kartikapalli to Thirkunnapuzha and the construction of the bridge on that road at Kartikapalli;

(2) the metalling of the Krishnapuram–Kallercode village road from Kayankulam to Nangiarkulangara; and

(3) the deepening of the Kartikapalli canal so as to allow boat traffic through the same at all seasons.

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